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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a further two-month extension of time to respond to the March 10, 2003 Final Office Action and August 11, 2003, Advisory Office Action in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before September 10, 2003. A check in the amount of \$205.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(2), is enclosed herewith. A petition for a one-month extension of time along with the required fee was included with the Response filed on July 10, 2003. Thus, Applicants believe that only a petition for a further two-month extension of time (and the required fee) is now due.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 15966-572 (CURA-72). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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